



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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## TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

THE THIRTIETH annual Convention held in February at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles brought to a close the 1959-1960 State Auxiliary year.

### Membership

Our membership as of January 15th had reached 6,606, and with four and a half months remaining in the National Auxiliary's fiscal year we may well exceed the 7,000 mark this year.

Much credit is due our membership chairman, Mrs. Warren Bostick, first vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association for 1959-1960. She obtained the names of the doctors' wives in the counties where there is no auxiliary and wrote to 187 women, inviting them to become members-at-large of the State Auxiliary. Through her efforts we now have 12 of our 15 unorganized counties represented by members-at-large. As we recruit new members for the auxiliary we expand our efforts and increase our potential for helping organized medicine.

### A.M.E.F. Contributions

A report from the State American Medical Education Foundation chairman, on February 8, showed that approximately \$9,500 had been received for A.M.E.F. from the combined county auxiliaries.

Our Nurse Recruitment program was expanded this year to include para-medical careers. Auxiliaries have been encouraged to sponsor the type of club that is best suited to their own community needs. Our objective is to provide all high schools with guidance, scholarship information and program material. In this way, we hope to provide students with the means of selecting the career that is best suited to their abilities.

### Future Nurse Clubs

There are over 200 Future Nurse and Career clubs sponsored by the medical auxiliaries in California with a membership of approximately 10,000 students.

The Oakdale Future Nurse Club, sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Stanislaus County Medical Society, was the first club in California to

receive a national charter for a Future Nurse Club. For this reason, the Oakdale Club has been asked to select one of its members to be a delegate from California to the White House Conference on Children and Youth to be held in Washington, D. C., March 27-April 1, 1960. There will be four Future Nurse Club members at the Youth Conference, one from each region of the United States.

It is an honor to have had a representative from one of our Future Nurse Clubs in California chosen to attend this meeting.

### Physicians' Benevolence

Since 1941 the Woman's Auxiliary has been contributing to the Physicians' Benevolence Fund. Over \$2,000 has been received this year from the county auxiliaries for Physicians' Benevolence.

To better acquaint the auxiliary members and interested doctors with the facilities and care given at the Physicians' Aid Home in Los Angeles, the Board of Directors of the Physicians' Aid Association held open house on February 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. The home is supported by the entire medical profession—as an investment in security—not a charity. Incidentally, gifts to the Physicians' Aid Home are tax-deductible.

### Program for Aging

Our new project this past year was aiding the California Medical Association in its program for the aging.

Some of the county auxiliaries laid the groundwork for "Visiting Homemaker Service" in their communities to aid this program. The Community Homemaker Service is a locally sponsored, non-profit agency that places trained workers in homes where illness, disability or the absence of a parent might disrupt the normal family routine. They take over the household tasks such as marketing, cooking, light cleaning and caring for children. Service is part-time only for as long as needed. No nursing care is given by the homemaker.

The American Medical Association's interest in Homemaker Service was evident in February, 1959, when the Association played a key role in promoting and financing the first nationwide conference on homemaker services in Chicago.

The patient or family pays a central office an established fee per hour for the time the homemaker works, plus transportation costs.

Before organizing a visiting Homemaker Service in a community, approval of the medical profession and allied groups must be obtained.

There are only 150 such services in 3,100 counties in the United States, others are in the process of being set up.

#### **Valedictory**

Thus the combined efforts of the 34 organized county auxiliaries in California have continued to

carry out our most important objectives: to assist the California Medical Association in its program for the advancement of medicine and public health and to promote better public relations.

It has been a privilege and pleasure to work with the C.M.A. during the year and to have had this page in *CALIFORNIA MEDICINE* to tell our auxiliary story to all the members.

My sincere thanks to the Advisory Board and the staff of the C.M.A. office for their assistance this past year.

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